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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Applicant hereby requests that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued in the above-identified patent application. The official Filing Receipt received by Applicant, a copy of which is attached hereto, has an error in the title. The title of the application was previously amended from

DUAL GRATING ASSISTED OPTICAL COUPLER to **OPTICAL COUPLER** *as amended*

A copy of the Official Filing Receipt is enclosed. The correction to the title is noted on the second page. Courtesy copies of both the First Preliminary Amendment and Application Data Sheet are also submitted in support of correction.

Applicant additionally requests that all pertinent U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records relating to the subject application be changed to reflect this correction.

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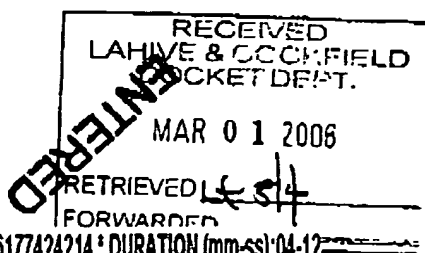
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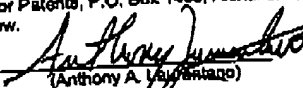
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For: OPTICAL COUPLER (AS AMENDED)**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please amend the title as follows:

~~DUAL GRATING ASSISTED OPTICAL COUPLER~~

Page 1, line 2, after the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

Related Applications

This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national stage filing of International Application No. PCT/GB2003/005634, filed 23 December 2003, which claims priority to Great Britain Patent Application No. 0229732.3 filed on 23 December 2002 in Great Britain. The contents of the aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

Application No.: NEW APPLICATION

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-21 and add new claim 22 as follows:

1. (currently amended) An optical coupler comprising an input waveguide, an intermediate waveguide, an output waveguide, a first grating situated between the input and intermediate waveguides, and a second grating situated between the intermediate and output waveguides such that, in use, light propagating in the input waveguide is coupled into the intermediate waveguide with the assistance of the first grating, and ~~thereafter~~ then is coupled into the output waveguide with the assistance of the second grating.
2. (currently amended) A coupler according to claim 1, further comprising only two said gratings.
3. (currently amended) A coupler according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, which is a directional coupler.
4. (currently amended) A coupler according to ~~any preceding claim 1, in which wherein~~ the input and output waveguides have differing refractive indices.
5. (currently amended) A coupler according to ~~any preceding claim 1, in which wherein~~ the input and output waveguides have at least one differing transverse dimension.
6. (currently amended) A coupler according to ~~any preceding claim 1, in which wherein~~ the intermediate waveguide has a different refractive index to that of the input waveguide, ~~and/or or~~ the output waveguide, or both.
7. (currently amended) A coupler according to claim 6, ~~in which wherein~~ the intermediate waveguide has a higher refractive index than ~~that of the~~ input waveguide and a lower refractive index than ~~that of the~~ output waveguide.

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8. (currently amended) A coupler according to ~~any preceding claim 1, in which wherein~~ the intermediate waveguide has at least one different transverse dimension to that of the input waveguide, ~~and/or or~~ the output waveguide, or both.
9. (currently amended) A coupler according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, further comprising a first transitional layer situated between the input waveguide and the intermediate waveguide.
10. (currently amended) A coupler according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, further comprising a ~~second~~ transitional layer situated between the output waveguide and the intermediate waveguide.
11. (currently amended) A coupler according to ~~any preceding claim 1, in which wherein~~ the first and second gratings have differing periods, ~~and/or or~~ lengths, ~~and/or or~~ depths, ~~and/or or~~ profiles, ~~and/or or~~ duty cycles, or any combination thereof.
12. (currently amended) A coupler according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, comprising a layered structure, in which each waveguide, grating or transitional layer comprises a respective layer or part thereof, of the structure.
13. (currently amended) A coupler according to claim 12, ~~in which the~~ layered structure comprises one or more layers of semiconductor, ~~and/or or~~ dielectric material, or both.
14. (currently amended) A coupler according to claim 13, ~~in which wherein~~ the semiconductor material comprises one or more of: silicon or related compounds; gallium arsenide or related compounds; indium phosphide or related compounds; or lithium niobate or related compounds.

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15. (currently amended) A coupler according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 14, in which claim 13, wherein~~ the dielectric material comprises a glass, preferably a phosphosilicate glass.
16. (currently amended) A coupler according to ~~any preceding claim 1, in which~~ wherein the waveguides comprise rib waveguides, ~~and/or or~~ planar waveguides, ~~and/or or~~ strip waveguides, ~~and/or or~~ embedded waveguides, or any combination thereof.
17. (currently amended) An integrated optical device comprising an optical coupler according to ~~any preceding claim 1, in which~~ wherein the input waveguide ~~and/or or~~ the output waveguide of the coupler comprises a semiconductor waveguide of the device.
18. (currently amended) A device according to claim 17, ~~in which~~ wherein the semiconductor waveguide of the device comprises a semiconductor laser of the device.
19. (currently amended) A device according to claim 17, ~~in which~~ wherein the semiconductor waveguide of the device comprises a photodiode of the device.
20. (currently amended) The use of an optical coupler or device according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, to couple light between an external first waveguide and the output waveguide of the coupler, via the input waveguide of the coupler.
21. (currently amended) The use according to claim 20, ~~in which~~ wherein the external first waveguide comprises an optical fibre.
22. (new) A coupler according to claim 10, further comprising a second transitional layer disposed between the output waveguide and the intermediate waveguide.

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REMARKS

Preliminary to examination of this application, please amend claims 1-21 and add new claim 22 as set forth above. Applicants amend the claims to remove multiple dependencies, provide proper antecedent basis, and to address other matters of form. The foregoing amendments are not related to issues of patentability. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the specification, Figures and claims as originally filed.

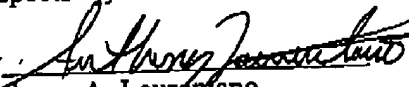
Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments introduce no new matter. Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is in order and requested.

If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendments to the application, we invite the Examiner to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. FHW-142US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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